

2016-2017

CONCORDIA BULLDOGS



**WOMEN'S  
BASKETBALL**

**MEDIA  
GUIDE**





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## 2016-17 Schedule/Results

### 31-2 Overall, 19-1 GPAC (1st)

Date	Opponent	H/A	Score	W/L
10/28/2016	Marian (Ind.)	N	64-72	L
10/29/2016	Johnson & Wales (Colo.)	A	89-40	W
11/4/2016	Friends (Kan.)	H	95-59	W
11/5/2016	Oklahoma Wesleyan	H	76-58	W
11/9/2016	Northwestern (Iowa) *	A	88-81	W
11/16/2016	Midland (Neb.) *	A	89-50	W
11/19/2016	Mount Marty (S.D.) *	H	75-65	W
11/22/2016	Doane (Neb.) *	A	77-56	W
11/25/2016	Haskell (Kan.)	N	99-44	W
11/26/2016	Saint Mary (Kan.)	N	100-58	W
11/30/2016	College of Saint Mary (Neb.) *	H	95-56	W
12/3/2016	Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) *	H	85-82	W
12/7/2016	Morningside (Iowa) *	A	80-52	W
12/10/2016	Northwestern (Iowa) *	H	91-44	W
12/19/2016	Indiana Tech	N	68-57	W
12/20/2016	College of the Ozarks (Mo.)	N	78-68	W
1/4/2017	Briar Cliff (Iowa) *	H	86-63	W
1/6/2017	Dordt (Iowa) *	A	81-43	W
1/11/2017	Midland (Neb.) *	H	95-38	W
1/18/2017	College of Saint Mary (Neb.) *	A	101-77	W
1/21/2017	Morningside (Iowa) *	H	90-60	W
1/25/2017	Hastings (Neb.) *	H	68-47	W
1/27/2017	Concordia (Wis.)	H	107-65	W
1/28/2017	Concordia (Mich.)	H	89-62	W
2/4/2017	Mount Marty (S.D.) *	A	84-62	W
2/8/2017	Doane (Neb.) *	H	97-73	W
2/11/2017	Briar Cliff (Iowa) *	A	90-70	W
2/12/2017	Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) *	A	53-75	L
2/15/2017	Hastings (Neb.) *	A	60-46	W
2/18/2017	Dordt (Iowa) *	H	90-55	W
2/22/2017	Midland (Neb.)	H	88-69	W
2/25/2017	Northwestern (Iowa)	H	88-51	W
2/28/2017	Dakota Wesleyan	H	78-77-ot	W

\*Conference game  
 #GPAC Tournament game

## Coaching Staff



**Head Coach**  
Drew Olson



**Assistant Coach**  
Tae'lor Purdy-Korell



**Assistant Coach**  
Alexis Akin-Otiko

## Concordia Projected Starting Lineup



**G • 12 • Shelby Quinn**  
5-5 • Sr. • Bellevue, Neb.

PTS	AST	FG%	FT%
6.6	4.3	36.2	77.8

- Two-time Honorable Mention All-GPAC
- Two-time NAIA Scholar-Athlete
- Has played in 123-consecutive games
- Recorded a career high 20 points in the win over then No. 1 Dakota Wesleyan on 12/3/16



**G • 32 • Dani Andersen**  
5-6 • Jr. • Lincoln, Neb.

PTS	STL	FG%	3-PT%
9.0	1.6	37.9	35.0

- 2016-17 Honorable Mention All-GPAC
- 2016-17 NAIA Scholar-Athlete
- Played the 2013-14 and 2014-15 seasons at Midland
- Has totaled 733 points in her career at both Midland and Concordia



**G • 20 • Mary Janovich**  
5-7 • Jr. • Gretna, Neb.

PTS	STL	FG%	FT%
10.8	2.4	51.6	81.3

- Collected Second Team All-GPAC honors as a freshman and sophomore and First Team accolades as a junior
- Named 2016-17 GPAC Defensive Player of the Year, giving the program four of the last six conference defensive awards



**F • 30 • Quinn Wragge**  
6-0 • So. • Crofton, Neb.

PTS	REB	FG%	FT%
11.4	6.2	56.5	73.6

- Garnered First Team All-GPAC recognition as a freshman and sophomore
- Named MVP of CIT back-to-back years
- Has racked up 850 career points over first two seasons
- Had 24 pts, 10 rebs in nat'l tourney in '16



**F • 52 • Philly Lammers**  
5-11 • Fr. • Omaha, Neb.

PTS	REB	FG%	FT%
13.3	6.7	57.0	78.8

- Named 2016-17 GPAC Freshman of the Year and First Team All-GPAC
- Posted five double-doubles
- Tops Concordia in scoring, rebounding, blocked shots and field goal percentage

## Quick Facts

**Concordia University, Nebraska**  
 Location.....Seward  
 Enrollment.....2,300  
 Nickname.....Bulldogs  
 School Colors.....Navy and White  
 Home Arena.....Walz Arena  
 Capacity.....2,000  
 President.....Brian Friedrich  
 Director of Athletics.....Devin Smith  
 Athletic Trainer.....Randy Baack  
 Conference.....Great Plains Athletic Conf.

2016-17 Overall Record.....31-2  
 2016-17 GPAC Record.....19-1 (1st)  
 NAIA Tournament Appearances.....16  
 NAIA Tournament Record.....22-15  
 NAIA Fab Fours.....4  
**2016-17 Statistical Leaders**  
 Points.....Philly Lammers (13.3)  
 Rebounds.....Philly Lammers (6.7)  
 Assists.....Shelby Quinn (4.30)  
 Steals.....Mary Janovich (2.37)  
 Blocks.....Philly Lammers (1.21)



Pronunciation Guide

- 14 Laurel Krohn - Lor-Ull
- 22 Brenleigh Daum - Bren-lee Dawm
- 30 Quinn Wragge - Rogg-ee
- 34 Carissa Gutz - Goots
- 50 Colby Duvel - Dew-VELL

Concordia WBB NAIA All-Americans

- 2015: Bailey Morris (Player of the Year)  
Tracy Peitz
  - 2014: Bailey Morris  
Tracy Peitz
  - 2013: Kristen Conahan
  - 2012: Amber Kistler  
Kristen Conahan
  - 2009: Whitney Stichka
  - 2008: Whitney Stichka
  - 2005: Kari Saving
  - 2003: Elizabeth Rhoden  
Sarah Harrison
  - 1998: Stephanie Schilke
  - 1997: Rachel Witzel
  - 1994: Tricia Kindle Pinneo
  - 1993: Trish Kindle
  - 1992: Lynda Beck
  - 1987: Shelly Poppe
- \*Does not include honorable mentions

Olson Coaching Record

- \*Reached NAIA Tournament
  - 2006-07 19-13, 10-8 GPAC
  - 2007-08 \*26-7, 13-6 GPAC
  - 2008-09 \*26-9, 14-4 GPAC
  - 2009-10 \*21-11, 11-7 GPAC
  - 2010-11 15-17, 6-12 GPAC
  - 2011-12 \*34-3, 18-2 GPAC
  - 2012-13 \*25-6, 16-4 GPAC
  - 2013-14 \*25-7, 16-4 GPAC
  - 2014-15 \*35-3, 18-2 GPAC
  - 2015-16 \*22-10, 14-8 GPAC
  - 2016-17 \*31-2, 19-1 GPAC
- TOTAL: 279-90 overall; 155-58 GPAC

- 2014-15 Coach of the Year (Omaha World-Herald / Lincoln Journal Star)
- Two-time GPAC Coach of the Year (2011-12 and 2016-17)
- Two-time WBCA Region II Coach of the Year
- Three-time GPAC regular-season champion (2011-12, 2013-14 and 2016-17)
- Three-time GPAC tournament champion (2012, 2015 and 2017)
- Two national semifinal appearances; national runner up finish in 2015

2016-17 Concordia Women's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
10	Devin Edwards	G	5-6	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Northeast
12	Shelby Quinn	G	5-5	Sr.	Bellevue, Neb./Bellevue East
14	Laurel Krohn	G	5-6	Sr.	Osmond, Neb./Osmond
20	Mary Janovich	G	5-7	Jr.	Gretna, Neb./Gretna
22	Brenleigh Daum	G	5-9	Jr.	McCook, Neb./McCook
24	Sydney Feller	G	5-10	Jr.	Papillion, Neb./Platteview
30	Quinn Wragge	F	6-0	So.	Crofton, Neb./Crofton
32	Dani Andersen	G	5-6	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb./Midland University
34	Carissa Gutz	F	5-11	Jr.	Osmond, Neb./Osmond
40	Maggie Goltz	F	6-1	Fr.	Falls City, Neb./Sacred Heart
42	Aubri Bro	G	6-0	Sr.	Papillion, Neb./Omaha Concordia
44	Erin Vieselmeyer	F	6-1	Sr.	Holyoke, Colo./Holyoke
50	Colby Duvel	F	5-9	Fr.	Max, Neb./Platteview
52	Philly Lammers	F	5-11	Fr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard West
54	MacKenzie Helman	G	5-8	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb./Pius
54	Riley Sibbel	G	5-9	Fr.	O'Neill, Neb./St. Mary's

HEAD COACH DREW OLSON



Drew Olson is in his 11th year as head coach of Concordia University women's basketball. The program's all-time winningest coach, Olson guided the Bulldogs to their first-ever national title game appearance in 2015. He is making his ninth national tournament appearance in 2017.

**Hometown:** Omaha, Neb.  
**Alma Mater:** Concordia University, Nebraska (2003)  
**Family:** wife M'Leigh and children Adelyn, Jacoby and Quinton



RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	31-2	17-0	10-1	4-1
CONFERENCE	19-1	10-0	9-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	12-1	7-0	1-0	4-1

#	Player	gp-gs	min	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg	
				fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg									
10	Edwards, Devin	32-1	417	13.0	40-117	.342	14-64	.219	27-38	.711	9	42	51	1.6	53	0	142	57	1	31	121	3.8
12	Quinn, Shelby	33-30	737	22.3	56-159	.352	19-77	.247	87-114	.763	22	86	108	3.3	53	0	142	61	1	65	218	6.6
14	Krohn, Laurel	31-4	390	12.6	36-100	.360	20-58	.345	14-20	.700	14	26	40	1.3	34	0	57	49	1	25	106	3.4
20	Janovich, Mary	30-29	604	20.1	112-217	.516	38-87	.437	61-75	.813	40	40	80	2.7	43	1	90	41	4	71	323	10.8
22	Daum, Brenleigh	30-0	307	10.2	56-158	.354	42-124	.339	5-10	.500	6	33	39	1.3	38	0	26	33	7	18	159	5.3
24	Feller, Sydney	33-1	521	15.8	53-149	.356	37-111	.333	11-15	.733	21	39	60	1.8	40	0	41	32	3	33	154	4.7
30	Wragge, Quinn	33-32	739	22.4	147-260	.565	4-15	.267	78-106	.736	62	143	205	6.2	61	0	49	65	21	67	376	11.4
32	Andersen, Dani	33-32	653	19.8	105-277	.379	71-201	.353	16-25	.640	17	21	38	1.2	53	1	51	47	0	52	297	9.0
34	Gutz, Carissa	24-2	203	8.5	31-82	.378	5-23	.217	13-20	.650	19	20	39	1.6	19	0	17	19	3	18	80	3.3
40	Goltz, Maggie	18-0	108	6.0	13-40	.325	2-15	.133	4-9	.444	12	17	29	1.6	3	0	10	7	1	8	32	1.8
40	Sibbel, Riley	7-0	36	5.1	5-11	.455	2-7	.286	3-4	.750	2	2	4	0.6	4	0	3	1	0	4	15	2.1
42	Bro, Aubri	33-1	348	10.5	56-142	.394	30-96	.313	10-14	.714	23	64	87	2.6	40	0	22	23	8	28	152	4.6
44	Vieselmeier, Erin	33-1	426	12.9	78-146	.534	0-2	.000	43-55	.782	45	70	115	3.5	76	1	11	42	23	15	199	6.0
50	Duvel, Colby	32-0	384	12.0	36-91	.396	2-14	.143	21-33	.636	34	67	101	3.2	42	1	19	26	5	15	95	3.0
52	Lammers, Philomena	33-32	644	19.5	167-293	.570	0-2	.000	104-132	.788	95	126	221	6.7	97	4	34	56	40	68	438	13.3
56	Pollman, Shelby	5-0	19	3.8	1-5	.200	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2	3	5	1.0	3	0	1	0	1	0	3	0.6
98	Helman, MacKenzie	13-0	90	6.9	9-22	.409	6-16	.375	2-2	1.000	4	4	8	0.6	11	0	12	7	0	4	26	2.0
Team											47	116	163		1	18						
Total.....		33	6626		1001-2269	.441	293-915	.320	499-672	.743	474	919	1393	42.2	671	9	633	584	119	524	2794	84.7
Opponents.....		33	6623		654-1853	.353	187-703	.266	480-690	.696	383	864	1247	37.8	589	-	439	882	57	287	1975	59.8

## NATIONAL TEAM RANKINGS

### TEAM

- No. 3 in steals/game (15.9)
- No. 4 in scoring offense/game (84.7)
- No. 4 in scoring margin (+24.8)
- No. 6 in 3-point field goal percentage defense (.266)
- No. 6 in field goal percentage defense (.353)
- No. 8 in 3-point field goals per game (8.9)
- No. 10 in free throw percentage (.743)
- No. 14 in assist/turnover ratio (1.08)
- No. 15 in field goal percentage (.441)
- No. 20 in scoring defense/game (59.8)

### TOP 25 POLLS

• Concordia has remained at No. 2 in the national poll since the release of the Dec. 13 national rankings. The Bulldogs have appeared in every poll since the beginning of the 2011-12 season (75 rankings in a row).





# MEET THE PRESS: THE 40 MINUTE ROOT CANAL



## SUCCESS

### Regular-season titles

2016-17  
2013-14  
2011-12  
2002-03



### Tournament titles

2017  
2015  
2012  
2005

## Like gnats at a picnic ...

### Dani Andersen

It's awesome knowing that even if a team breaks the press once or twice, we can still see in their faces that it's frustrating to have to continue to try to break the press. Many teams get worn out and start to break down.

### Mary Janovich

My role in the press is to find my man in my area, make her go on a hard dribble and have a lot of ball pressure so she can't see the floor. Ball pressure is key to our press. If we don't have it then we will fall apart and let the opponent get easy baskets.

Obviously this year is different because we have been running a zone instead of man-to-man like we have in the past. I just think that this zone fits our team better than a man press would and it's a high-risk, high-reward thing.

### Philly Lammers

I think it's difficult in two major ways for teams to handle our press. First off, the constant, unceasing pressure to play by play have to work hard to protect the ball and make something of the possession, is difficult for anyone. Over the course of the whole game it wears teams down, which is the second part. It's just hard to keep it up for so long. That wear on opponents allows us to go on runs.

### Shelby Quinn

When we are able to get a ten second violation called, it definitely increases our energy as a team. We love it when we are able to get those calls because then we are able to turn right back around and score again on offense which helps keep the momentum on our side.

### Quinn Wragge

Something that stands out to me about our press is that it is not always perfect. Most of the time it can get kind of messy, but we are usually able to get something out of it because we just fly around. We have so many girls that can play and that know what to do. Our energy really helps us on defense, especially in the press.



**Appearances: 16 | Record: 22-15 | Fab Fours: 4**  
1992, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008,  
2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017



**2016**  
1ST RD: L, 82-85 vs. Goshen (Ind.)

**2015**  
1ST RD: W, 76-35 vs. Bryan (Tenn.)  
2ND RD: W, 92-82 vs. College of Saint Mary  
QUARTERFINALS: W, 76-59 vs. Jamestown (N.D.)  
SEMIFINALS: W, 72-62 vs. Briar Cliff  
CHAMPIONSHIP: L, 57-59 vs. Morningside

**2014**  
1ST RD: L, 86-91 vs. Olivet Nazarene (Ill.)

**2013**  
1ST RD: L, 60-66 vs. Cardinal Stritch (Wis.)

**2012**  
1ST RD: W, 78-54 vs. Sterling (Kan.)  
2ND RD: W, 69-48 vs. Cardinal Stritch (Wis.)  
QUARTERFINALS: W, 80-68 vs. Grand View (Iowa)  
SEMIFINALS: L, 70-74 vs. College of the Ozarks (Mo.)

**2010**  
1ST RD: L, 42-57 vs. Indiana Wesleyan

**2009**  
1ST RD: W, 72-53 vs. Taylor (Ind.)  
2ND RD: W, 74-73 vs. Cornerstone (Mich.)  
QUARTERFINALS: L, 65-69 vs. Hastings (Neb.)

**2008**  
1ST RD: W, 84-64 vs. Union (Ky.)  
2ND RD: W, 82-72 vs. Davenport (Mich.)

QUARTERFINALS: L, 53-78 vs. College of the Ozarks (Mo.)

**2005**  
1ST RD: W, 70-28 vs. Western Baptist (Ore.)  
2ND RD: W, 65-51 vs. Cardinal Stritch (Wis.)  
QUARTERFINALS: W, 66-42 vs. Sterling (Kan.)  
SEMIFINALS: L, 73-86 vs. Cedarville (Ohio)

**2004**  
1ST RD: W, 70-57 vs. MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.)  
2ND RD: W, 63-53 vs. Tennessee Wesleyan  
QUARTERFINALS: L, 69-77 Cedarville (Ohio)

**2003**  
1ST RD: W, 62-59 vs. Madonna (Mich.)  
2ND RD: W, 88-44 vs. William Jewell (Mo.)  
QUARTERFINALS: W, 57-55 vs. Mary (N.D.)  
SEMIFINALS: L, 60-66 vs. Hastings

**2002**  
1ST RD: W, 71-55 vs. Southern Oregon  
2ND RD: L, 65-67 vs. Briar Cliff

**1998**  
1ST RD: L, 85-92 vs. Spring Arbor (Mich.)

**1997**  
1ST RD: W, 83-78 vs. Taylor (Ind.)  
2ND RD: W, 82-71 vs. Shawnee State (Ohio)  
QUARTERFINALS: L, 71-76 vs. Black Hills State (S.D.)

**1992**  
1ST RD: L, 78-94 vs. St. Joseph's (Maine)



**SCORING (1,000-point scorers)**

1. Bailey Morris (2011-15)	2,054
2. Sarah Harrison (2001-05)	1,800
3. Kari Saving (2001-05)	1,773
4. Whitney Stichka (2004-09)	1,765
5. Stephanie Schilke (1994-98)	1,736
6. Lynda Beck (1988-92)	1,720
7. Kristen Conahan (2010-14)	1,656
8. Shelly Poppe (1986-90)	1,630
9. Andrea Janssen (1986-90)	1,559
10. Melissa Tinkham (2005-09)	1,452
11. Trish Kindle (1990-94)	1,426
12. Elizabeth Rhoden (2000-04)	1,337
13. Allison Nyland (1993-97)	1,323
14. Hayle Kobza (1997-01)	1,302
15. Katie Rich (2009-13)	1,293
16. Tracy Peitz (2011-15)	1,277
17. Amy Scheil (1985-89)	1,244
18. Teresa Noffke (1985-89)	1,207
19. Keyna Kobza (2001-05)	1,110
20. Jane Dartman (1983-87)	1,061
21. Rachel Witzel (1993-97)	1,050
22. Becky Mueller (2013-16)	1,048
23. Tammy Blome (1991-94)	1,032
24. Amy Streuter (1999-03)	1,013

**REBOUNDS**

1. Lynda Beck (1988-92)	1,250
2. Stephanie Schilke (1994-98)	1,204
3. Marsha Nelson (1982-86)	956
4. Sarah Harrison (2001-05)	945
5. Teresa Noffke (1985-89)	912
6. Shelly Poppe (1985-88)	911
7. Beth Lorentzen (1983-87)	694
8. Kristin Miller (2007-11)	684
9. Kayla Luehmann (2001-05)	662
10. Katie Rich (2009-13)	653



Tracy Peitz



Bailey Morris



Keyna Kobza scores her 1,000th point

**ASSISTS**

1. Andrea Janssen (1986-90)	672
2. Trish Kindle (1990-94)	577
3. Amy Weisbrook (1995-99)	511
4. Bailey Morris (2011-15)	502
5. Elizabeth Rhoden (2000-04)	492
6. Penny Jacobsen (1982-86)	426
7. Kari Saving (2001-05)	391
8. Allison Nyland (1993-97)	365
9. Amy Scheil (1985-89)	344
10. Amy Streuter (1993-03)	337

**STEALS**

1. Penny Jacobsen (1982-86)	409
2. Bailey Morris (2011-15)	394
3. Andrea Janssen (1986-90)	378
4. Amy Scheil (1985-89)	350
6. Tracy Peitz (2011-15)	306
5. Kristen Conahan (2010-14)	291
7. Katie Rich (2009-13)	265
8. Kari Saving (2001-05)	250
9. Teresa Noffke (1985-89)	244
10. Allison Nyland (1993-97)	231



## GPAC Standings

School	GPAC	%	Overall	%
1. Concordia	19-1	.950	31-2	.939
2. Dakota Wesleyan	15-5	.750	26-6	.813
3. Morningside	14-6	.700	23-8	.742
3. Hastings	14-6	.700	22-9	.710
5. Northwestern	10-10	.500	19-11	.633
6. Doane	9-11	.450	16-16	.500
7. Briar Cliff	8-12	.400	14-17	.452
8. Midland	7-13	.350	15-15	.500
8. Mount Marty	7-13	.350	13-17	.433
10. Dordt	5-15	.250	13-17	.433
11. CSM	2-18	.100	7-22	.241

## GPAC All-Conference

### FIRST TEAM

G - Lexi Ackerman, Sr.	Morningside
G - Hanah Barnard, Sr.	Doane
G - Madison Braun, Jr.	Morningside
F - Ashley Bray, Jr.	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Kassidy De Jong, So.	Northwestern
F - Erica Herrold, Sr.	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Mary Janovich, Jr.	Concordia
F - Philly Lammers, Fr.	Concordia
F - Joelle Overkamp, Jr.	Midland
F - Quinn Wragge, Fr.	Concordia

### SECOND TEAM

C - Kailey Burke, Fr.	Briar Cliff
G - Shandra Farmer, Fr.	Hastings
G - Jamie Gesink, So.	Dordt
C - Darbi Gustafson, So.	Northwestern
G - Holly Hild, Jr.	Hastings
F - Sammy Kasowski, So.	Mount Marty
G - Megan Kucks, Jr.	Midland
F - Lauren Lehmkuhl, Jr.	Morningside
G - Renee Maneman, Jr.	Northwestern
G - Rylie Osthus, So.	Dakota Wesleyan

Player of the Year: Hanah Barnard, Doane  
 Defensive Player of the Year: Mary Janovich, Concordia  
 Freshman of the Year: Philly Lammers, Concordia  
 Coach of the Year: Drew Olson, Concordia

## GPAC Tournament Results

### Quarterfinals - Feb. 22

- (1) Concordia def. (8) Midland, 88-69
- (2) Dakota Wesleyan def. (7) Briar Cliff, 94-60
- (6) Doane def. (3) Morningside, 77-75
- (5) Northwestern def. (4) Hastings, 70-67

### Semifinals - Feb. 25

- (1) Concordia def. (5) Northwestern, 88-51
- (2) Dakota Wesleyan def. (6) Doane, 81-57

### Championship - Feb. 28

- (1) Concordia def. (2) Dakota Wesleyan, 78-77 (OT)

## 2016-17 GPAC at a Glance

### Individual Leaders

#### Scoring

1. Hanah Barnard (DOA)	20.9
2. Kassidy De Jong (NWC)	18.2
3. Joelle Overkamp (MID)	16.9
4. Madison Braun (MOR)	15.9
5. Lexi Ackerman (MOR)	15.1

#### Rebounding

1. Sammy Kasowski (MMC)	9.0
2. Darbi Gustafson (NWC)	8.1
3. Kellie Winckler (MMC)	7.7
4. Lauren Lehmkuhl (MOR)	7.6
5. Kassidy De Jong (NWC)	7.6

#### Assists

1. Renee Maneman (NWC)	7.53
2. Rylie Osthus (DWU)	4.69
<b>3. Shelby Quinn (CUNE)</b>	<b>4.25</b>
4. Morgan Hill (DOA)	3.31
5. Lexi Ackerman (MOR)	3.29

#### Steals

1. Madison Braun (MOR)	3.48
2. Morgan Hill (DOA)	2.84
3. Joelle Overkamp (MID)	2.50
<b>4. Mary Janovich (CUNE)</b>	<b>2.41</b>
<b>5. Philly Lammers (CUNE)</b>	<b>2.09</b>

#### Field Goal Percentage

<b>1. Philly Lammers (CUNE)</b>	<b>58.3</b>
2. Kailey Burke (BCU)	51.6
3. Lauren Lehmkuhl (MOR)	49.1
4. Kassidy De Jong (NWC)	48.3
5. Hanah Barnard (DOA)	48.2

#### Free Throw Percentage

1. Ashley Bray (DWU)	93.6
2. Sarah Carr (DWU)	87.2
3. Megan Kucks (MID)	81.7
4. Haley Birks (NWC)	80.4
<b>5. Philly Lammers (CUNE)</b>	<b>79.8</b>

#### 3-Point Percentage

1. Hanah Barnard (DOA)	42.1
2. Lauren Lehmkuhl (MOR)	40.8
3. Ashley Bray (DWU)	39.7
4. Pilar Aldrich (CSM)	38.3
5. Madison Braun (MOR)	37.3

### Team Leaders

#### Scoring Offense

<b>1. Concordia</b>	<b>84.7</b>
2. Morningside	82.3
3. Dakota Wesleyan	76.1
4. Northwestern	75.9
5. Briar Cliff	69.9

#### Scoring Defense

<b>1. Concordia</b>	<b>59.9</b>
2. Dakota Wesleyan	60.4
3. Hastings	60.6
4. Mount Marty	65.7
5. Doane	66.0

#### Field Goal Percentage Offense

1. Northwestern	46.1
2. Dakota Wesleyan	45.5
<b>3. Concordia</b>	<b>44.1</b>
4. Morningside	43.3
5. Briar Cliff	41.8

#### Field Goal Percentage Defense

<b>1. Concordia</b>	<b>35.3</b>
2. Dakota Wesleyan	36.0
3. Mount Marty	38.7
4. Northwestern	39.3
5. Doane	40.9

#### Turnover Margin

<b>1. Concordia</b>	<b>+9.0</b>
2. Hastings	+4.5
3. Morningside	+4.3
4. Briar Cliff	+2.2
5. Midland	+2.2

#### Rebound Margin

1. Dakota Wesleyan	+9.1
2. Northwestern	+6.3
3. Dordt	+4.7
<b>4. Concordia</b>	<b>+4.5</b>
5. Morningside	+3.7

#### 3-Point Field Goals Per Game

1. Morningside	9.8
<b>2. Concordia</b>	<b>8.9</b>
3. Midland	8.5
4. Dakota Wesleyan	8.1
5. Mount Marty	7.4







#10 | DEVIN EDWARDS



5-6 • Senior • Guard  
Lincoln, Neb.  
Lincoln Northeast HS  
Biology; Pre-Med

High School

Started and lettered all four years at Lincoln Northeast High School ... prep coach was Steve Bartek ... served as team captain for two years ... named academic all-conference ... received honorable mention all-conference recognition ... led the Rockets to two district titles and one district runner-up finish ... member of two state tournament qualifying teams ... participated in volleyball for four years, track and field for three years and soccer for one year ... earned academic all-conference in every sport ... member of the National Honor Society.

Personal

Born in Lincoln, Neb., on December 22, 1994 ... daughter of David and Robin Edwards ... has three sisters, one older and two younger ... aspires to be a pediatrician.

EDWARDS STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
13-14	32	14.2	2.4	1.3	1.1	0.8	29.6	27.5	64.0
14-15	31	8.5	1.5	0.0	0.6	0.4	27.6	25.0	85.7
15-16	31	15.9	3.4	2.4	1.4	1.1	35.0	25.4	53.6
16-17	32	13.1	3.8	1.5	1.5	1.0	34.2	21.9	71.1
Career	126		2.8	1.5	1.2	0.8	32.5	24.9	65.3

#12 | SHELBY QUINN



5-5 • Senior • Guard  
Bellevue, Neb.  
Bellevue East HS  
Elementary Special Ed

High School

Started for three years and lettered all four years at Bellevue East High School under head coach Scott Jensen ... served as team captain for two years ... earned all-state honorable mention all four years ... named Greater Omaha Winter Scholar Athlete ... led the Chieftains to the 2011 Nebraska Class A state title ... powered Bellevue East to district championships and state tournament appearances three years in a row from 2011 to 2013 with a metro championship in 2011 ... participated in volleyball and track and field for four years each.

Personal

Born in Papillion, Neb., on November 11, 1994 ... daughter of Arlen and Suzanne Quinn ... has an older sister, Amber, and older brother, Brian ... enjoys watching movies (especially Disney), painting, drawing, going to Cornhusker football games and hanging out with friends.

QUINN STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
13-14	28	14.1	2.4	2.0	0.9	0.8	29.9	26.0	71.4
14-15	38	13.2	3.1	1.9	1.4	0.8	29.7	24.7	81.6
15-16	32	25.3	7.5	4.1	3.1	1.2	36.5	34.6	76.3
16-17	33	21.8	6.6	3.3	4.3	1.9	35.2	24.7	76.3
Career	131		4.9	2.8	2.4	1.2	34.1	28.3	77.5

#14 | LAUREL KROHN



5-6 • Junior • Guard  
Osmond, Neb.  
Osmond HS  
Accounting, Business  
Communication & Business Admin.

High School

Started and lettered for four years at Osmond Public School under head coach Michael Brown ... received NSAA All-State recognition earning first team as a senior, second team as a junior and honorable mention as both a freshman and sophomore ... twice named to the Norfolk Daily News Elite Eight ... earned Lewis and Clark first team all-conference honors all four years ... scored more than 1,000 career points as a prep ... named to the 2013 Class D-2 All-State Tournament team ... led the Tigers to a state runner-up finish her senior season ... powered Osmond to a combined record of 70-17 over four years ... class valedictorian ... two-time National FBLA competitor ... collected NSAA Academic All-State laurels.

Personal

Born in Norfolk, Neb., on February 8, 1995 ... daughter of Larry and Linda Krohn ... has two brothers, one older and one younger ... enjoys boating, camping and playing recreational sports.

KROHN STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
14-15	29	7.9	3.4	1.7	0.7	0.6	34.7	29.7	60.0
15-16	31	14.0	3.6	2.0	1.4	0.7	31.9	31.9	60.0
16-17	31	12.6	3.4	1.3	1.8	0.8	36.0	34.5	70.0
Career	91		3.5	1.7	1.3	0.7	34.2	30.5	64.0

#20 | MARY JANOVICH



5-7 • Junior • Guard  
Gretna, Neb.  
Gretna HS  
Speech Pathology

High School

Prepped at Gretna High School for head coach Jerome Skrdla ... lettered all four years and started for three at the varsity level ... served as team captain for one year ... named Omaha World Herald All-Nebraska third team, Omaha World Herald All-State Class B first team, Lincoln Journal Star All-State Class B first team, Omaha World Herald All-Omaha area first team and honorary team captain ... led the Dragons to four conference titles, three district championships and three state tournament appearances ... earned academic all-state honors ... member of the National Honor Society.

Personal

Born in Omaha, Neb., on Nov. 30, 1995 ... daughter of Ron and Brenda Janovich ... has 11 siblings, all older.

JANOVICH STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
14-15	35	24.6	9.8	3.5	1.3	2.1	52.9	43.5	80.6
15-16	18	22.6	10.4	2.9	2.7	1.9	53.8	34.1	81.6
16-17	30	20.1	10.8	2.7	3.1	2.4	51.6	43.7	81.3
Career	83		10.5	3.1	2.2	2.2	53.2	42.3	80.5



## #22 | BRENLEIGH DAUM



5-9 • Junior • Guard  
 McCook, Neb.  
 McCook HS  
 Psychology, Criminal Justice &  
 Behavioral Science

### High School

Prepped at McCook High School for head coach Jeff Ellis ... started and lettered for two years at the varsity level ... owns McCook record for most points scored in a game (30) ... top 10 on Bison all-time leaderboard in scoring, steals and blocks ... selected as all-state honorable mention by Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star as a senior ... member of volleyball team for four years and track and field squad for freshman senior seasons ... named to merit roll.

### Personal

Born in Hiawatha, Kan., on June 29, 1996 ... daughter of Tim and Kristi Daum ... has an older sister, Aly, and younger brother, Drew.

### DAUM STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
14-15	34	11.9	5.8	1.3	0.7	0.9	31.7	30.3	84.2
15-16	31	18.9	8.4	1.7	1.4	1.1	34.6	32.3	71.4
16-17	30	10.2	5.3	1.3	0.9	0.6	35.4	33.9	50.0
Career	95		6.6	1.5	1.0	0.9	33.9	32.2	75.4

## #24 | SYDNEY FELLER



5-10 • Junior • Guard  
 Papillion, Neb.  
 Platteview HS  
 Pre-Medical

### High School

Prepped at Platteview High School for head coach Justin Dannelly ... Lettered all four years and started for three at the varsity level ... served as team captain for two years ... named All-state honorable mention by Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star ... garnered a first and second team all-conference selection during career ... earned an additional eight letters in two other sports ... received academic all-state honors three times.

### Personal

Born in Papillion, Neb., on Sept. 1, 1996 ... daughter of Bret and Renee Feller ... has an older sister, Alexis, and a younger brother, Shane.

### FELLER STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
15-16	32	17.0	5.7	2.8	1.7	0.8	36.5	32.9	81.3
16-17	33	15.8	4.7	1.8	1.3	1.0	35.6	33.3	73.3
Career	65		5.3	2.3	1.5	0.9	36.1	33.1	77.4

## #30 | QUINN WRAGGE



6-0 • Sophomore • Forward  
 Crofton, Neb.  
 Crofton HS  
 Secondary Education

### High School

Prepped at Crofton High School for head coach Aaron Losing ... lettered four years and started three years while serving as a team captain for two years ... helped the Warriors to two undefeated seasons and one one-loss season and three class C-2 State Championships ... also competed in track four years, one year at Filmore Central and three years at Crofton ... at Filmore Central, helped team to state championship while placing third in the 800 and first in the 4x800 relay ... at Crofton, helped team to two state Championship titles ... helped 4x800 to three first place finishes at the state meet while competing in the 800 all three years, placing second twice and first once ... was a member of the volleyball team for one year ... competed in cross country three years and helped team to state championships three years in class D ... was a member of the National Honor Society ... received Academic All-State honors in cross country, basketball and track two years each.

### Personal

Born in Lincoln, Neb., on March 15, 1997 ... daughter of Mark and Annette Wragge ... has a younger brother, Grant and a younger sister, Ella ... enjoys reading, eating and having fun.

### WRAGGE STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
15-16	32	27.1	14.8	6.6	1.4	1.8	58.5	30.8	70.9
16-17	33	22.4	11.4	6.2	1.5	2.0	56.5	26.7	73.6
Career	65		13.0	6.3	1.4	1.9	57.2	25.9	72.2

## #32 | DANI ANDERSEN



5-6 • Junior • Guard  
 Lincoln, Neb.  
 Lincoln Christian HS / Midland  
 Biology

### Previous College

Attended Midland University for two seasons, totaling 436 points and 103 3-point field goals in 61 games ... averaged 9.0 points, 2.0 rebounds and 1.9 assists as a sophomore for the Warriors.

### High School

Prepped at Lincoln Christian School for head coach Nick Orduna ... lettered all four years and started for three at the varsity level ... served as team captain for two years ... helped Lincoln Christian to four state tournament appearances ... competed in volleyball for three years and track and field for one.

### Personal

Born in Columbus, Neb., on Sept. 27, 1994 ... daughter of Kent and Lisa Andersen ... has an older brother Kaleb and older sister Joelle, who played basketball at Midland ... enjoys playing piano and guitar, singing and craft projects.

### ANDERSEN STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
13-14	31	16.3	5.4	1.1	0.6	0.7	36.1	38.3	81.5
14-15	30	27.4	9.0	2.0	1.9	0.9	34.6	34.1	89.6
16-17	33	19.8	9.0	1.2	1.5	1.6	37.9	35.0	64.0
Career	94		7.8	1.4	1.4	1.1	36.3	35.5	81.0



#34 | CARISSA GUTZ



5-11 • Senior • Forward  
Osmond, Neb.  
Osmond HS  
Elementary Education

2015-16: Junior

Appeared in nine games...averaged 3.3 points and 2.1 rebounds per game...shot .407 from the field, .455 from 3-point range and .750 from the free throw line... scored a career high 11 points against York on Dec. 10, 2015...was named a Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete.

Personal

Born in Norfolk, Neb., on Sept. 15, 1994 ... daughter of Mike and Paula Gutz ... has an older brother Craig.

GUTZ STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
15-16	9	6.9	3.3	2.1	0.6	0.2	40.7	45.5	75.0
16-17	24	8.5	3.3	1.6	0.6	0.7	37.8	21.7	65.0
Career	33		2.9	1.8	0.6	0.7	34.7	20.0	68.4

#40 | MAGGIE GOLTZ



6-1 • Freshman • Forward  
Falls City, Neb.  
Sacred Heart HS  
Biology

High School

Prepped at Falls City Sacred Heart High School (Neb.) for head coach Luke Santo ... lettered and started all four years ... served as team captain for one year ... Earned Class D2 first team all-state recognition three times and honorable mention all-state once ... named honorary captain of the 2015-16 Lincoln Journal Star state all-tournament team ... selected to the state all-tournament team in each of final three seasons ... collected first team all-conference honors three times and second team all-conference accolades once ... named academic all-state three times ... led Falls City Sacred Heart to a state title as a junior and three third-place state finishes ... tabbed Up and Coming Female Athlete of the Year in basketball and volleyball in 2014 ... ended prep career with the Sacred Heart record for most career made free throws ... ranks second in school history for career rebounds (716) and third in career points (1,233) ... valedictorian with 4.0 GPA ... member of honor roll all four years ... named academic all-state and Cecil Murphy Scholar Athlete ... received the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Award.

Personal

Born in Falls City, Neb., on March 30, 1998 ... daughter of Doug and Janice Goltz ... has an older sister Alicia and older brother Matt.

GOLTZ STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
16-17	18	6.0	1.8	1.6	0.6	0.4	32.5	13.3	44.4

#42 | AUBRI BRO



6-0 • Senior • Guard  
Papillion, Neb.  
Omaha Concordia HS  
Graphic Design

High School

Started and lettered for three years at the varsity level at Omaha Concordia High School for head coach Marty Senechal ... served as team captain for one year ... received Centennial all-conference honors ... named Class C1 all-state honorable mention ... twice earned Mountain Madness pool MVP accolades ... recognized as Omaha all-area honorable mention ... selected to the Lutheran Invitational all-tournament team ... named to Small School All-Star team ... led the Mustangs to a 2013 district runner-up finish ... member of the honor roll all four years ... participated in marching band ... attended Papillion La Vista High School for two-and-a-half years before transferring to Omaha Concordia.

Personal

Born in Eau Claire, Wis., on March 19, 1995 ... daughter of Jeff and Kari Bro ... has an older brother and a younger sister ... enjoys drawing and volunteering.

BRO STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
13-14	1	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	--	--
14-15	1	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	--	--	--
15-16	28	8.4	3.5	2.1	0.4	0.3	48.7	45.8	50.0
16-17	33	10.5	4.6	2.6	0.7	0.9	39.4	31.3	71.4
Career	63		4.0	2.3	0.5	0.6	42.4	35.7	68.8

#44 | ERIN VIESELMAYER



6-1 • Senior • Forward  
Holyoke, Colo.  
Holyoke HS  
Biology/Pre-Physician Asst.

High School

Started and lettered for three years at the varsity level at Holyoke High School for head coach Arlan Scholl ... served as team captain for one year ... twice earned all-conference recognition ... participated in volleyball for four years and track and field for one year ... received volleyball all-conference recognition twice ... two-time academic all-state honoree.

Personal

Born in Littleton, Colo., on November 17, 1994 ... daughter of Erik and Michelle Vieשמeyer ... has two younger sisters ... younger sister Megan plays volleyball at Concordia ... enjoys scrapbooking and working out.

VIESELMAYER STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
15-16	29	13.5	5.6	2.8	0.4	0.4	56.5	25.0	73.8
16-17	33	12.9	6.0	3.5	0.3	0.5	53.4	00.0	78.2
Career	62		5.8	3.2	0.4	0.4	54.7	20.0	77.1



#50 | COLBY DUVEL



5-9 • Freshman • Forward
Max, Neb.
Platteview HS
Biology/Chemistry

High School

Prepped at Platteview High School for head coaches Ron Coughlin, Justin Dannelly and Nathan Behlke ... lettered and started all four years at the varsity level ... served as team captain for one year ... named honorable mention all-state all four years ... named first team all-conference all four years and captain of the all-conference team as a senior ... selected to play in the Nebraska Coaches Association All-Star Game ... garnered the NCA Most Valuable Teammate award ... owns the school record for most points in a single game ... helped the Trojans to a four-year record of 86-17, two conference championships, two district titles and two state tournament appearances ... played volleyball for four years, earning first team all-conference honors as a senior and honorable mention all-state accolades as both a junior and senior ... competed in track and field all four years, collecting state medals each of her final three years and district event titles as a sophomore through senior ... helped volleyball and track squads to a conference title apiece ... member of honor roll ... named to Principal's Honor List ... received Woman of the Year award ... academic all-state.

Personal

Born in Wray, Colo., on October 19, 1997 ... daughter of Mardell and Stacy Duvel ... has an older sibling Cade ... enjoys going to church, volunteering for youth organizations and family time.

DUVEL STATS

Table with 10 columns: G, MPG, PPG, RPG, APG, SPG, FG%, 3PT%, FT%. Row 1: 32, 12.0, 3.0, 3.2, 0.6, 0.5, 39.6, 14.3, 63.6

#54 | MACKENZIE HELMAN



5-7 • Freshman • Guard
Lincoln, Neb.
Pius HS
Exercise Science

SHELBY POLLMAN



5-11 • Sophomore • Forward
Fairbury, Neb.
Fairbury HS
Pre-Nursing

RILEY SIBBEL



5-9 • Freshman • Guard
O'Neill, Neb.
St. Mary's HS
Biology

#52 | PHILLY LAMMERS



5-11 • Freshman • Forward
Omaha, Neb.
Millard West HS

Personal

Prepped at Omaha Millard West High School for head coach Marc Kruger ... lettered and started all four years at the varsity level ... served as team captain for one year ... named a USA Today second team all-state choice ... earned Class A second team all-state and 'all class' third team all-state recognition ... garnered first team all-metro accolades ... selected to play in the 15th annual Buffalo Wild Wings High School All-Star Game and the Nebraska Coaches Association All-Star Game ... placed on the state Class A and all class all-tournament teams ... received Omaha Greater Sports Top Scholar-Athlete award ... broke Millard West record for field goal percentage (.537) ... tabbed academic all-state ... averaged 11.9 points and 8.2 rebounds as a senior ... helped the Wildcats to a 23-6 record and state runner-up finish as a senior ... competed in volleyball for three years and track and field for one year.

Personal

Born in Bloomfield, Neb., on February 1, 1997 ... daughter of Merlin and Pat Lammers ... enjoys traveling, hiking and reading.

LAMMERS STATS

Table with 10 columns: G, MPG, PPG, RPG, BPG, SPG, FG%, 3PT%, FT%. Row 1: 33, 19.5, 13.3, 6.7, 1.2, 2.1, 57.0, 00.0, 78.8

CAREER HIGHS

Dani Andersen

Points: 29 (1/11/14) | Assists: 6 (12/18/14) | 3-pt FGs: 7 (twice) | Steals: 5 (12/7/16)

Aubri Bro

Points: 15 (4 times) | Rebounds: 6 (3 times) | Steals: 4 (1/27/17) | 3-pt FGs: 5 (2/10/16)

Brenleigh Daum

Points: 20 (12/29/15) | 3-pt FGs: 6 (twice) | Rebounds: 8 (12/12/15) | Steals: 6 (1/13/15)

Colby Duvel

Points: 9 (twice) | Rebounds: 8 (11/4/16) | Assists: 4 (1/11/17) | Steals: 3 (twice)

Devin Edwards

Points: 14 (12/10/15) | Steals: 6 (2/18/15) | Assists: 5 (12/14/13)

Sydney Feller

Points: 15 (3/9/16) | Rebounds: 6 (twice) | Assists: 5 (twice) | 3-pt FGs: 4 (4 times)

Maggie Goltz

Points: 7 (1/11/17) | Rebounds: 8 (1/11/17) | Steals: 3 (1/11/17)

Carissa Gutz

Points: 11 (12/10/15) | Rebounds: 7 (11/16/16) | 3-pt FGs: 3 (12/10/15)

Mary Janovich

Points: 19 (5 times) | Rebounds: 9 (twice) | Steals: 7 (1/13/15) | Assists: 11 (12/20/16)

Laurel Krohn

Points: 12 (12/11/14) | Rebounds: 8 (2/18/15) | 3-pt FGs: 4 (12/11/14)

Philly Lammers

Points: 23 (1/25/17) | Rebounds: 14 (1/25/17) | Steals: 6 (twice) | Blocks: 5 (2/25/17)

Shelby Quinn

Points: 20 (12/3/16) | Rebounds: 10 (1/2/16) | Assists: 8 (twice) | Steals: 5 (twice)

Erin Viesselmeyer

Points: 16 (2/8/17) | Rebounds: 10 (1/4/17) | Blocks: 3 (twice)

Quinn Wragge

Points: 29 (2/6/16) | Rebounds: 18 (2/17/16) | Blocks: 4 (1/30/16) | Steals: 8 (12/7/16)



# DANI'S STORY: I THINK ABOUT HER WHEN I PLAY



By Jake Knabel, Director of Athletic Communications

Dani Andersen cried shortly after Concordia suffered what remains its only defeat all season. The tears flowed not because of the loss of a basketball game, but because of the loss of something much greater than any game could ever be.

Recalls Andersen of the season opener in late October, "It was going to be emotional. I just kind of fell apart in the locker room because I couldn't go out and talk to my mom."

Lisa Andersen, mother of Kaleb, Joelle and Dani, used to paint free throw and 3-point lines on a cement slab on the family's farm in Columbus, Neb. Lisa coached girl's basketball for two seasons at Lincoln Christian high school. She gave that up in part to be able to spend more time watching Joelle and Dani. Said Dani, "I don't know if she ever really missed a game."

It was supposed to be a joyous moment as Dani donned Bulldog blue for the first time. Instead, the pain that sprouted that spring came rushing back.

## 'A God thing brought me here'

God had always been there for Dani. She understands that now more than she ever has before. While still enrolled at Midland University in February 2015, a then sophomore version of Dani met with her family after the Warriors had just been defeated handily in Fremont by Concordia.

One thought kept racing through Dani's mind with the night's contest having just concluded. She couldn't escape it, even if she tried. There were competing voices inside her head. 'Dani, you're going to be at Concordia next year.' 'No, absolutely not.' As those thoughts clashed, Bulldog head coach Drew Olson appeared near her in the arena lobby in somewhat of a chance encounter.

Says Dani, "I still think I was supposed to be at Midland for those two years." Her second year in Fremont was nearing its end that

night she came face-to-face with Olson. There were also voices inside Olson's head that told him he needed to say something. Recalls Olson, "For some reason I felt in my heart that I needed to tell her that she's a really good player. I basically apologized for the (scholarship) mix up with recruiting and how it ended up."

Olson had no idea that the wheels had already begun spinning in Dani's mind. This was the same young woman who had conditioned herself to dislike Concordia, one of the premier programs in the conference. She tried to convince herself that Concordia was "the last place I wanted to be," though she knew it wasn't true. Says Dani, "Whenever we played Concordia, I was always like, 'We have to beat them. I do not like them.'"

The brief exchange in February 2015 made a lasting impact upon Dani, who felt a sudden change of heart. Maybe she was supposed to spend two years at Midland, but her final two collegiate basketball seasons would be spent at Concordia. "It was totally a God thing that brought me here," Dani said. Olson himself believes that The Holy Spirit was at work. Welcome to the Bulldog family, Dani.

## April 5, 2016

In early April of 2016, several members of the Andersen family were engaged in a group text conversation about the ongoing NCAA Division I basketball tournament. At some point during the conversation, Lisa stopped replying. Kent had been in New Jersey on business and Kaleb, Joelle and Dani were going about their own lives. Dani was nearing the completion of her first school year at Concordia. Her thoughts were consumed by a school project and afternoon basketball practice.

There were anxious moments before practice on the day of April 5, 2016. Lisa wasn't responding to calls on her cell phone or at work. Kent was still out of town. Just before basketball practice was about to get started that day, Dani answered a call from Kaleb. "You need to come to Lincoln," Kaleb urgently instructed her. He would tell her nothing more until she arrived in Lincoln. Kaleb, Joelle and Dani convened on the family home. There Lisa rested lifelessly. At the age of 52, Lisa had died in her sleep. The siblings, stunned, were left trying to make sense of what had occurred.

Says Dani, "It was really hard to know that my mom is not there anymore. It was so confusing and so not real. We all knew from the get go, she's with Jesus now. It doesn't take away the hurt, but it gives hope that we get to see her again."

## Dani's struggle

Dani was sad and she was angry. She was angry with God. "Why would You take my mom away from me?," Dani asked. "I had to come to a point where I could be honest with God and tell Him, 'I'm angry with you right now. You have my mom and I don't get her.'"



Such struggles are often hidden behind Dani's infectious smile. If you didn't know her story, you would never know the pain she's gone through. None of that is evident when she's rising up to drain another 3-pointer or relentlessly harassing a ball handler as part of Concordia's devastating press. From the perspective of the fan, everything looks perfectly fine when they see Andersen on the bench, cheering wildly for a teammate who just nailed a 3-point shot.

What they don't see is the heartache that surges to the forefront unpredictably. Sometimes it might happen in the weight room like it did during one instance at the beginning of the school year. Olson noticed and told her to go home. Last weekend at CIT, Dani played in front of the most rambunctious audience she's ever experienced. She wished her mother was there. It still stings.

"I don't think she shows what she's going through all the time," Olson said. "I think there are so many games where it's weighing on her and maybe her performance isn't as good as what she's capable of or what she'd like, but a lot of it is because of what she's still going through. I think her teammates get that a little bit. She's just an incredibly tough person to be able to have that on her mind and still be able to perform like she is."

Faith Bible Church on South 84th Street in Lincoln hosted a celebration service for Lisa Andersen on April 8, 2016. The entire Concordia women's basketball team showed up to lend their support. Some stuck around afterwards to comfort Dani. She spent roughly two weeks away before returning to Concordia to finish out the semester.

During the initial weeks of grieving, Dani didn't have contact with many of her teammates, but she could feel people praying for her and her family. Dani remembers Drew and his wife M'Leigh bringing a lasagna to the family. Every little thing meant a lot. Says Dani, "The prayers we got from so many people - it's amazing how you can feel that. We know people have prayed for us because we can feel the difference. It's crazy. I've never experienced that before and the power of other people praying for my family. We just felt like people were lifting us up and blessing us with their prayers."

She may no longer be living, but Lisa left behind a lasting legacy. Dani beamed when discussing the qualities she most admired about someone so dear to her. Says Dani, "She was not afraid of what other people thought of her. She was going to speak the truth or say something that other people might not be willing to say. She wouldn't let what other people did effect her. She had a boldness to her that was amazing. People always felt comfortable around her."

### The perfect fit

Dani is a blur on the basketball court. She draws attention with her quickness, her non-stop motor and her ability to shoot from the perimeter. Not only a perfect fit for Olson's frenetic pace and system, she's been a hit with her Bulldog teammates. Like her mother, Dani has an inviting and warm personality.



More than a year removed from her transfer, Dani is thriving despite the understandable emotional swings that she must deal with. Concordia is 23-1 overall, ranked No. 2 in NAIA Division II and is on course for an unforgettable season. Dani has played a major role in that success. She's averaging 9.3 points and has knocked down a team high 52 shots from 3-point range.

"She just fits our style so well," Olson said. "Defensively, she's incredible on the ball. It's been fun with our new press and our new zone, seeing Mary (Janovich) and her work together. They just know exactly what each other is going to do. Off the court, her faith and her personality fit perfectly. She's just such a caring person. She's unselfish. She didn't come here to start or play big minutes. She came here to be part of our culture. She adds to our team in so many ways."

Dani has been an impact addition for another Concordia team that will compete at the national tournament next month. It will be a festive atmosphere and a lifelong memory for many involved. Lisa Andersen won't be in Sioux City to watch, but she'll surely be a proud mother. Says Dani, "I still think about her when I play."

\*This story was edited down due to space constraints. For the more complete version of "Dani's Story," view the article on the web: <http://www.cune.edu/athletics/news/womens-basketball/danis-story-i-think-about-her-when-i-play/>.





